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SUBJECT: SECURITY PRECAUTIONS DURING EMPEROR'S VISIT TO U.S.

1. SUMMARY. SECURITY WATCH COMMITTEE HAS MET TWICE TO FINALIZE SECURITY PLANNING FOR OUR INSTALLATIONS IN JAPAN DURING PERIOD OF EMPEROR'S VISIT. RSO HAS HAD NUMBER OF MEETINGS WITH BOTH TOKYO METROPOLITAN POLICE AND NATIONAL POLICE ON THEIR ANTICIPATED COVERAGE. END SUMMARY.

2. SWC MET TWICE AND HAS CAREFULLY REVIEWED ALL ASPECTS OF SECURITY PLANNING FOR PERIOD OF EMPEROR'S VISIT. FOLLOWING ARE SOME OF THE MORE SIGNIFICANT STEPS THAT WE ARE TAKING FROM OUR OWN RESOURCES: INSTRUCTIONS HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO ALL MISSION PERSONNEL ON PERSONAL SECURITY PRECAUTIONS THAT THEY SHOULD FOLLOW DURING THIS PERIOD; TWO MARINE GUARDS ARE STATIONED AT ANNEX AND TOB DURING OFFICE HOURS UNTIL OCT 15; PHYSICAL CHANGES BEING MADE TO ANNEX TO ASSIST ACCESS CONTROL (WORK, HOWEVER, WILL NOT BE COMPLETED BY EARLY NEXT WEEK, PERIOD POLICE FEEL IS MOST VULNERABLE); ELECTRIC RELEASE LOCK INSTALLED AT TOB ENTRANCE AND WILL BE LEFT SECURED AT ALL TIMES, MARINE WILL BUZZ IN ANYONE WANTING ACCESS; ADDITIONAL CCTV EQUIPMENT INSTALLED BY RTC PERSONNEL TO PROVIDE BETTER COVERAGE OF REAR OF

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TOB AND ANNEX LOBBY; POST HAS DETERMINED THAT SOME

CHANGES ARE NECESSARY FOR PUBLIC ACCESS AREAS OUTSIDE TOB AND ANNEX, I.E., TRADE CENTER, CUSTOMS OFFICE, U.S. TRAVEL SERVICE OFFICE, ETC. (CHANGES CANNOT BE ACCOMPLISHED BEFORE DEPARTURE OF EMPEROR BUT WILL BE MADE ASAP FOR LONG TERM PROTECTION); SOME DRILLS ON EMERGENCY PROCEDURES AND TEST OF ALARM SYSTEMS WILL BE COMPLETED TODAY. IN SUMMARY WE ARE IN HIGH STATE OF ALERT AND ARE TAKING ALL REASONABLE PRECAUTIONS THAT OUR RESOURCES ALLOW.

3. POLICE PROTECTION THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY FOR OUR INSTALLATIONS IS CONSIDERABLE. POLICE GUARDS AT ALL BUILDINGS HAS BEEN INCREASED AND WHERE NO PROTECTION NORMALLY AFFORDED IT HAS BEEN ADDED. THIS INCLUDES FOLLOWING BUILDINGS: TOB, ANNEX, U.S. TRADE CENTER, AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE, DCM'S RESIDENCE, RESIDENCES OF SENIOR OFFICERS IN TOKYO, RESIDENCES OF PRINCIPAL OFFICER AT ALL CONSTITUENT POSTS, ALL USIS AMERICAN CENTERS, ALL CONSULATES, RESIDENCE OF U.S. COMMISSIONER GENERAL TO EXPO, U.S. PAVILLION AT EXPO. AS AN EXAMPLE OF LEVEL OF PROTECTION, WHICH IS PHASED BASED ON POLICE ASSESMENT OF DAYS ON WHICH RADICAL ACTIVITY MOST LIKELY, POLICE GUARD AT TOB WHICH NORMALLY NUMBERS ABOUT 20 POLICEMEN WILL BE INCREASED TO APPROXIMATELY 200 MEN ON DAY EMPEROR DEPARTS JAPAN (SEPT. 30). IN ADDITION, AMB'S PERSONALL BODY GUARDS HAS BEEN INCREASED AND FOLLOW CAR NOW BEING PROVIDED. DCM HAS ALSO BEEN PROVIDED BODYGUARD AND LEVEL OF PROTECTION FOR AMBASSADOR WILL BE GIVEN TO DCM WHEN HE BECOMES CHARGE. ALSO ALL PRINCIPAL OFFICERS AT CONSULATES AND U.S. COMMISSIONER GENERAL TO EXPO HAVE BEEN PROVIDED POLICE BODYGUARDS.

4. COMMENT: WHILE OUR OWN PLANNING AND THAT OF THE POLICE HAS BEEN EXTENSIVE, THERE IS NO WAY TO COVER ALL POSSIBLE VULNERABILITIES. WE HAVE TAKEN ALL REASONABLE PRECAUTIONS AND WILL MAKE ANY CHANGES NECESSITATED BY SITUATION. POST APPRECIATES DEPT'S AND RTC HONG KONG'S PROMPT SUPPORT ENABLING US TO ACHIEVE LEVEL OF SECURITY NOW IN EFFECT.

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